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| ***Application Type: Research Projects*** |

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| ***Project Title: [maximum 100 words]*** |

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| ***Irish Research Body:***  |

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| ***Application in Irish:*** |
| Yes |[ ]
| No |[ ]

**There is the option on the online system to upload an English translation, should you wish to do so, which will accompany your research proposal. If you submit an application form in Irish without submitting your own English translation, the Council will arrange for an English translation of the form. The online system will only accept documents in PDF format.**

1. **Applicant Profile**

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| ***Title:***Prof. [ ]  |
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| Mr. |[ ]
| Mrs. |[ ]
| Ms. |[ ]

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| ***ORCID number:*** |

ORCID ID provides a persistent digital identifier that distinguishes you from every other researcher. If you do not currently have an ORCID ID, please register for one at [www.orcid.org](http://www.orcid.org) and provide us with your unique 16-digit identifier

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| ***Date of Birth:*** |

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| ***Sex (this is for internal reporting purposes only and is not included in the evaluation):*** |
| Female |[ ]
| Male |[ ]

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| ***Country of nationality:*** |

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| ***Do you currently hold or have you previously held an Irish Research Council Award?*** |
| Yes |[ ]
| No |[ ]
| ***If answering yes, please specify:******[maximum 500 words]*** |

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| **Are you an AHSS academic or researcher who, on the call deadline of 28th October 2016, holds a contract of sufficient duration with an Higher Education Institution or a recognised Research Performing Organisation (as defined in the 2016 Terms & Conditions) to carry out the proposed research from the project start date of 12th December 2016 until the project end date?**Yes [ ] No [ ]  |

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| ***Please specify your PhD graduation date.*** *(Note: As per the 2016 Terms & Conditions, Applicants must hold a doctoral degree which was awarded no later than1st November 2014. For the purposes of this condition, a certified copy of the PhD graduation certificate will be taken into account and will be required upon conditional offer of award)****Graduation Date:*** Click here to enter a date. |

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| ***Have you identified or do you intend to identify an eligible STEM Co-Principal Investigator (STEM Co-PI) as defined in the 2016 Terms & Conditions?*** *(Note: Please refer to the 2016 Terms & Conditions to see the eligibility criteria in relation to the STEM Co-PI)*Yes [ ] No [ ]  |

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| **Please indicate which of the societal challenges areas your proposal will address (select no more than two of the following):**Health [ ] Food/Agri Marine [ ] Energy [ ] Transport [ ] Climate [ ] Inclusive Societies [ ] Secure Societies [ ]  |

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| ***Were you a recipient of the Irish Research Council Research Development Initiative, Collaborative Research Project or Research Project Grant funding in 2014 or 2015?*** Yes [ ] No [ ]  |

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| ***Will you be in receipt of any other Council funding at the proposed start date of 12th December 2016 with the exception of New Foundations or Ulysses awards?*** Yes [ ] No [ ]  |

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| **Have you informed your Research Office of your intention to submit an application to the New Horizons Scheme?**Yes [ ] No [ ]  |

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| **Did you submit an Expressions of Interest form on or before 30th September 2016?**Yes [ ] No [ ]  |
| **If you selected no, then your application is automatically ineligible.**  |

**Project Details**

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| ***Project Title:*** |

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***Proposed award duration in number of months:*** *(please refer to the 2016 Terms & Conditions for the eligible maximum award duration for each funding strand)*

*Please consult the Annex A (AHSS Disciplines) and Annex B (STEM Disciplines) for a full description of what is covered in Primary Areas, Disciplines and Other Research Areas:*

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| ***Primary Area:*** |

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| ***Discipline:*** |

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| ***Other Research Area:*** |

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| ***Second categorisation – if interdisciplinary:****(If your proposed research is interdisciplinary please list second categorisation here (e.g. primary area, then discipline, then other research area if applicable)* |

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| ***Keywords describing proposed research:*** ***(<10)*** |

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| ***Abstract. Please provide a short description of the proposed research project.******[maximum 300 words]*** |

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| ***Detailed Project Description*** **(*to be uploaded to the online application system as one single PDF document with a strict maximum of 10 pages).*** *This document should include the following:*1. ***Description of topic***
* *Aims and objectives*
* *Central research questions*
* *Methodology (see Clause 1.7 in the 2016 Terms and Conditions for further information)*
* *Research strategy*
* *Alignment of the proposed research with the specific funding strand for which you are applying.*
1. ***Outputs and Impact***
	* + - *The potential impact of the proposed research project on the individual/team research programme, including the potential for further research activity and the alignment with the Institutional/organisational research and teaching strategy.*
			- *The potential impact on the teaching programme, including courses taught and students supervised or the potential impact on the development of capability in the Host Organisation.*
			- *Plans for dissemination and knowledge exchange activities. In particular, the direct outputs envisaged.*
2. ***Applicant(s)' research and other expertise relevant to the project proposal***
* *Research achievements including current and previous research awards.*
* *Key Publications*
* *Other research outputs (e.g. published reports, creation of data sets & databases, exhibitions, etc.).*
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| **List of Research Projects for which Principal Investigator is currently involved in or has responsibility for (include details of the project title, the source of award, the funding amount and the award duration):** ***[maximum 300 words]*** |

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***Are you applying for a Research for Policy and Society Award?***

Yes [ ]

No [ ]

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| **Research Schedule** *(including a detailed timetable for the project commencement, and a plan for the efficient management and reporting of the research project. If applying for both a New Horizons Strand Two Award and a Research for Policy and Society Award, the research plan should include a strategy for successfully managing both proposals).****[maximum 300 words]*****At this point in the online system one has the option to upload a GANTT chart to illustrate the project timelines, milestones and deliverables. The online system will only accept a PDF file for upload.**  |

**Ethical/Sex-Gender Statements**

1. **Ethical Statement**

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| ***Does the research proposal outlined in this submission require approval by the relevant University/Institutional Ethics committee?***Yes [ ] No [ ]  |

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| ***Where ethical issues may arise in the research, applicants are required to submit to the Irish Research Council a written statement to the effect that full consideration has been given to the ethical implications of the research proposal. A full ethical report and approval from an ethical review committee will need to be received by the Irish Research Council prior to the commencement of the Scholarship or within three months of the start date. If ethical issues do not arise, please enter N/A below:******[maximum 300 words]*** |

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| ***Does your proposed research programme deal with any of the following prohibited research areas?***1. ***Research activity aiming at human cloning for reproductive purposes.***
2. ***Research activity intended to modify the genetic heritage of human beings which could make such changes heritable (research related to cancer treatment of the gonads can be financed).***
3. ***Research activities to create human embryos solely for the purpose of research or for the purpose of stem cell procurement, including by means of somatic cell nuclear transfer.***

Yes [ ] No [ ] *Please note, that answering* ***YES*** *to the question above will automatically disqualify your application as outlined in the Terms and Conditions document. One exception is research related to cancer treatment of the gonads which is eligible.* |

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| ***Does your proposed research programme relate to cancer treatment of the gonads:***Yes [ ] No [ ]  |

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| ***Does your research programme involve any of the following?***1. ***Informed consent***
2. ***Human embryonic stem cells***
3. ***Privacy and data protection***
4. ***Use of human biological samples and data***
5. ***Research on animals***
6. ***Research in developing countries***
7. ***Dual use (possible military/terrorist application)***
8. ***NONE OF THE ABOVE***

Yes [ ] No [ ] *\* If funded, any ethical issues relating to your proposed research programme will be subject to the rules and regulations of your Irish Host organisation. You must agree to abide by these rules and regulations, including any full ethical review which it requests prior to embarking on your research programme.* |

1. **Sex/gender dimension**

Please read carefully the section on ‘Biological Sex/gender dimension’ in Appendix 3 of the Terms and Conditions, the Gender Dimension Toolkit for help in answering this question.

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| *Does your proposed research programme involve any of the following?*1. *Humans as the research focus*
2. *Animals as the research focus*
3. *Human samples and/or data*
4. *Humans involved as consumers, users, patients, or in trials*
5. *Research on animals, animal samples and/or data*
6. *Research outputs with implications for end users or consumers*

Yes [ ] No [ ] *If you have answered* ***Yes*** *to one or more of these questions above, your proposed research may have a potential biological sex or social gender dimension.* |

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| ***If you have answered NO to the questions above, please explain why there is no potential biological sex and/or gender dimension to be considered in your proposed research.*** ***If you have answered YES to the questions above, indicate how potential biological sex and/or gender issues will be handled. In particular, you are asked to reference the points mentioned in the ‘Checklist for sex/gender in research content’ in Appendix 3 of the Terms and Conditions******[maximum 300 words]*** |

**Project Budget**

1. **Project Budget**

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| **Eligible Costs:** | **Total cost requested for the full duration of the award (€):** | **Justification. Please provide itemised breakdown of costs and reason needed:** |
| Personnel/Staff: |  |  |
| Collaboration: |  |  |
| Consultancy: |  |  |
| Consumables: |  |  |
| Dissemination: |  |  |
| Travel Costs: |  |  |
| Overheads: |  |  |
| Equipment: |  |  |
| **Total:** |  |  |

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| **Staff Costs & Staffing Requirements**Costs may include staff-replacement costs which facilitate participation in the project, but these must be clearly justified. All staff replacements (‘buy-out’ costs) must be accounted for according to approved Irish Research Council staff rates.

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| **IRC Staff Costs** | **1 calendar year** | **1/2 calendar year** |
|  Academic Replacements | €20,443 (inclusive of PRSI 10.75% & Employer Pension Contribution 20%) | €10,222 (inclusive of PRSI 10.75% & Employer Pension Contribution 20%) |
|  Research Assistant (can be pro-rata) | HEIs can use their own institutional researcher salary scale for research assistants and postdoctoral researchers. These costs must be clearly justified in the application form. The salary requested must include provisions for PRSI 10.75% & Employer Pension Contribution 20%. As part of the award acceptance process, the research office must confirm that the requested salary is line with the institutional researcher salary scale and provide documentary evidence.  |
|  Postdoctoral Researcher (can be pro-rata) | HEIs can use their own institutional researcher salary scale for research assistants and postdoctoral researchers. These costs must be clearly justified in the application form. The salary requested must include provisions for PRSI 10.75% & Employer Pension Contribution 20%. As part of the award acceptance process, the research office must confirm that the requested salary is line with the institutional researcher salary scale and provide documentary evidence.  |

The recruitment of any staff must be openly recruited through public advertisement. Staff must be recruited for the specific project and awarded topic only. The only exception to this is the STEM Co-P.I. in New Horizons applications; due to being a named participant on the project, this post need not be advertised publicly.An Employment Control Framework for the higher education sector was issued to the sector on 11th March 2011. Discussions with the Department of Education and Skills in relation to a new Delegated Sanction Agreement to replace ECF for the period 2016 to 2019 will shortly be concluded. In the interim, institutions must continue to adhere to the principles of the ECF. The HEA will inform institutions of any new arrangements as soon as clarification is received from the DES.**Other Eligible Research Expenses**Please note that all research expenses must be strongly justified. Should a particular expense be insufficiently justified within an otherwise successful application, the Council reserves the right to remove/reduce this particular expense item at award-offer stage.A table of other eligible research expenses are set out below:

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| Collaboration | Please provide details of expenditure to be incurred in terms of collaborative activities, where relevant. These will primarily consist of travel, networking and/or dissemination activities and must be strongly demonstrated. **Maximum of €10,000**  |
| Consultancy | Relevant and justifiable up to a **maximum of €5,000.** |
| Dissemination | Details of costs proposed and channels to be used.  |
| Consumables | **Maximum of** **€1,000** |
| Travel Costs | Travel and accommodation costs may be included as part of the proposal. Details on the number and duration of trips being proposed are required. Every effort must be made to ensure that travel expenses are minimised (e.g. economy fares only). Subsistence or *per diems* are not an eligible cost.  |
| Overheads | These must NOT exceed maximum of **25% of modified direct costs**. Overhead does not apply to equipment costs  |
| Equipment | Please provide details and justification for any items of equipment being sought. Computer equipment, fieldwork, data collection, archival and digitisation costs may be included under this heading. The Council will pay particular attention to any equipment sought (e.g. laptops, tablets, scientific tools etc.). Any such requests will require a strong rationale and an account of why such items might not be available to an applicant from any other source.  |

**Applicant Declaration**6.1

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| ***I hereby declare that I have read and accept the Applicant requirements as set out in the Terms and conditions and Guide for Applicants on the Irish Research Council***[***WEBSITE***](http://www.research.ie/)***:***I agree [ ]  |

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| ***I confirm that the information supplied in this application is correct (NOTE:* Should it become apparent that any of the information provided in the application is inaccurate or is not verifiable with appropriate documentation, it will result in the application automatically being deemed ineligible)*:***I agree [ ]  |

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